

## WILDWOOD CONTRACTOR TO BE SUED

### THREATEN SUIT ON WILDWOOD SCHOOL

The long smoldering trouble about the heating of the Wildwood School threatened to erupt into a lawsuit, as the Christmas holidays of 1958 approached, this week.

Town Counsel Phillip Buzzell has been authorized by the Board of Selectmen to bring action, in court, against the firm of Poorvu Construction, of Boston, General Contractor of the building.

When the school was constructed, in 1953, the firm of D. B. Kelty, in Lowell, was the subcontractor for installing the heating. \$3000 is still due to Kelty, who has now been waiting five years for his money.

It has been brought out many times during the five years that Kelty performed his work according to plans and specifications. However, because the heater does not burn the type of fuel planned for the School Building Committee refused to pay the last \$3000.

The specifications call for a No. 6 fuel oil, for the Wildwood School. The burners have to use a No. 5 fuel oil, which John Collins, Superintendent of Schools has testified, cost the Town of Wilmington about \$800 a year more than would No. 6 oil.

Kelty had no contract with the Town of Wilmington. His contract (as a sub-contractor) was with the Poorvu Company. The money was withheld from the Poorvu Company, which company has apparently in turn withheld money from Kelty, as he has not been paid.

Whether the error lies with the architect and engineers who designed the school, or with the General Contractor is a matter that has to be determined, but there is a general agreement that Kelty is not to blame.

Mr. Buzzell proposes that suit be brought against the General Contractor.

### DEPUTY CHIEF POLICE HOBAN HAD LARGE HONOR GUARD AT FUNERAL

Deputy Chief of Police Francis Hoban, who died suddenly last Thursday morning after a brief illness was tended one of the most impressive funerals in many years, in the town of Wilmington, Saturday morning.

An Honor Guard, of Wilmington



### ST. NICK OVER AVCO

AVCO artists touched up a night photograph of the Research & Development laboratories, on Lowell Street, to produce this bit of appropriate Christmas fantasy.

Firemen, the Board of Selectmen in a body, and 40 Policemen, from surrounding communities, were part of the throng at St. Thomas Church, for the Solemn Mass of Requiem, which was sung at 9 am, Saturday.

The Rev. Edmund Croke, Pastor of St. Thomas, was the Celebrant, with Father Francis W. Mackin as Deacon, and Father John Palmieri as Sub-Deacon.

The pall bearers were Sgts. John Imbimbo and George Shepard, and Officers Charles Dolan, Donald Mercier, Leo Markey and John A. Ritchie, of the Wilmington Police Department.

Deputy Chief Hoban was born in Wilmington 54 years ago, and lived here all his life, except for a tour of duty with the US Navy in World War II. He had served on the Wilmington Police Department for 25 years, and had been awarded the Heroism Medal, for bravery.

He is survived by his wife, Cecelia (O'Dougherty) Hoban, two sisters, Mrs. Marq Waters and Mrs. Dorothy Kelley both of Wilmington, and five children, Francis Jr., Kathleen, Richard and Ann, all of Wilmington, and Mrs. Sheila Harrington of Reading.

Burial was in the family lot in Wildwood Cemetery. The McMahon Funeral home was in charge of arrangements.

### SELECTMEN DECREE 1959 SCHOOL BUDGET

The Board of Selectmen were unanimous on one subject, at least, in their Monday night meeting.

Each and every one of them had some harsh words to say about the 1959 School Budget, which they had just read.

Selectman Nick De Felice said "This is too much!" Don Kidder chimed in "We will have to let the people know what it is, and finally Charles H. Black added:

And their attorney is not accepting the court decree on the typewriters, so that Mr. Buzzell cannot get an appeal entered."

(He was referring to the court case that stemmed from the town's refusal to appropriate \$1200 for electric typewriters, last spring. The School Committee took the case to court, and won a favorable decision. Apparently their attorney is delaying his acceptance of the decree, which prevents the Town Counsel from appealing the case to a higher court, as he has wanted to do.)

The parting remark, by Nick De Felice was "The budget for the entire town has gone up about \$1400, and the cost of schools has gone up \$237,000."

### B&M RR

TM Calabrese told the Selectmen that John Brooks and Paul Niles of North Wilmington had accepted membership on the "Railroad Committee" which is spearheading the town's attack on the proposal by the B&MRR that North Wilmington railroad station be abandoned.

Earl Beddies, a former member of the committee has had to resign, because of the pressure of business.

Other members of the committee are John MacGahan of Columbia Street, Paul Duggan of Harvard Avenue and Ed Shelley of Atlantic Avenue.

Calabrese told the Committee that he had had 43 cards from people who use the North Wilmington trains regularly.

A letter was noted which had been written by the State Department of Public Works, on Nov. 3rd in which it said "We are informed that about 350 passengers cross Route 38 every day, to and from the Wilmington Railroad Station."

Also read was a letter from State Senator William Madden of Lexington, written to Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers in which he protested the pro-

posal of the railroad.

Andover Street Poles

A public hearing, to move

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### SUPPORTING STRUCTURE FOR NICHOLS STREET BRIDGE WATER MAIN COMPLETED

The Water Department has completed the supporting structure for the water main which is to cross the Nichols Street bridge.

The water main itself will not be laid until warmer weather. Extreme frost conditions at the present time are preventing the use of backhoes and other machinery.

There is water in the mains on both sides of the bridge.

C. Ray Norris & Son of Malden did the structural work. A Boston & Maine conductor, and two flagmen were present on one day, to supervise traffic, and after that just one flagman.

### PLANNING BOARD TURNS DOWN CRUSADER BID

The bid of Henry Fillipone, to print the "legal" notices of the Wilmington Planning Board has been turned down by the Board.

Fillipone told the Planning Board that his circulation was 950, and offered to print the notices for \$1 a column inch, which is half the usual rate.

The Planning Board rejected the offer unanimously.

### NEW TOWN DUMP TO BE OPEN TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAYS

Wilmington's new public town dump will be open Tuesdays through Sundays, and will be closed on Mondays. The hours are to be from 10 am to 5 pm on days of operation.

The new dump, which will be used from Jan 1, onwards, is on property of Clarence Spinazola, in South Wilmington (formerly known as Moran's). It is located off Route 38, near the Woburn line.

Spinazola was awarded a contract by the Board of Health to conduct the Town Dump on his property, using what is known as the "Sanitary Land Fill" method. The contract is from Jan. 1, 1959 to Dec. 31, 1959, and is for \$8,000 a year.

"Sanitary Land Fill" is a method of disposing of waste by digging trenches, disposing of the waste in the trenches and then refilling, over the waste. It is being used in a number of large public dumps throughout the country.

The former public dump, that of Ventura Canales, in North Wilmington, will continue to be a private dump, licensed by the Board of Health. Mr. Canales lost the contract this year, having bid \$10,000 for his services.

### SIX INCH WATER MAIN LAID TO GLEN ROAD SCHOOL SITE

The Water Department has completed the laying of a six inch water main, to the site of the off-Glen Road School. The work included the installation of a hydrant, near the school site.

### 'NO QUARTER' RULE

## GRAVEL FIGHT GOES ON

Wilmington's gravel fight, the Town of Wilmington, and Campanelli & Cardi, opponents, continued through Tuesday in the Middlesex Superior Court, with both sides pledged to an all out effort, and spurning all efforts at compromise.

William Dias, owner of the land around which the fight is raging was the first to testify, Tuesday, after a long week and had recessed the court.

Dias was followed on the stand by George Maynard, Town Engineer, and Minot Anderson, Building Inspector and Zoning Officer of the Town of Wilmington.

Frederick (Sunshine) Smith, owner of abutting property from which gravel is being taken (illegally according to the town's belief) finished

the day's testimony, as the court recessed to discuss the case with counsel for both sides.

The hearings recessed after last Thursday's session, in which the Master, John J. Tobin, had attempted arbitration (Ed. Note. Last week the Master's name was wrongly reported as Flinn. Mr. Flinn was a man who had testified to taking certain photographs early in the trial).

Both sides emphatically refused to arbitrate. Spokesmen for Campanella & Cardi, and the Town of Wilmington both declared to the effect that it was "all or nothing."

Speaking afterwards, one of the C & C spokesmen added "and that means our pit across the street too."

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### NIFTY

They buried Nifty Hoban Saturday morning. They trundled all that was left of our Deputy Chief of Police into St. Thomas, sang a Mass over him, and then trundled him out again, with solemn rites. They took him to the cemetery in a funeral cortege that must have been nearly a mile long.

Wilmington never saw anything like it. There were a lot of people from Boston and Cambridge, driving cars with low number plates. They sat up in the front pews - for Nifty was a Deputy Chief of Police.

But it wasn't the people in the front pews who were really mourning Nifty. It was those in the back pews, the people who walked to church, or drove up in a car with a license plate that began with a "P" or an "X".

For Nifty was not a man of pretensions. He was a quiet man, with a shy smile - the same shy Irish smile his father had before him, and that his sons carry on, to posterity.

If you had held a poll as to who the most popular man in Wilmington was, Nifty's name would never have appeared, for people didn't automatically think of him, he blended so into the background. But if you had held a poll to find out whether or not any one had a grudge against the man you would have found out that here was a man - dedicated to the enforcement of the law, but still without an enemy in the town.

The rough and tough boys that Nifty took care of, officially, and the boys who landed in the "tank" overnight, to be released in the morning all agreed that Nifty was a "swell" fellow. They all agreed that they deserved to be arrested. They bore him no grudge.

And that's why the back pews, in St. Thomas, were filled, Saturday morning.

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Nifty came by his nickname honestly, for his father before him bore the same name. His father, raised in Wilmington, was one of the Irishmen who worked in Harriman's Tannery until the day of the Great Changeover. His father had played ball on the Town Team, and had, as a youth, been one of the people who sat up all night before the Hiller tomb, a fire before him and a shotgun on his lap, guarding the precious casket of Dr. Henry Hiller. His father was appointed Rural Mail Carrier, in North Wilmington back in 1912, and it was here that Francis Hoban, soon to take over his father's nickname, first began to meet the world, grinning shyly from behind the buckboard of his father's carriage.

Nifty didn't especially dream of becoming a cop. It was one of those accidents of fate. As a young man he was down in Wilmington Square one day when a couple of toughs were being nasty. The cop on duty, an old man, couldn't handle the toughs, and they swaggered around until they met Nifty.

Nifty took care of those two boys, in short order. They attempted to bully him, and found themselves prone on the sidewalk, bloody and bruised, in very short order.

The Board of Selectmen of that day, impressed, offered Nifty a job as a cop. And that was how Nifty got into the Police Department.

He was a good cop. He did his duty, but he was a mild man. He won medals for heroism, for Nifty wasn't afraid of any man, but he never blustered, and he never threw his weight around.

When the former Chief, Harry Ainsworth, retired, there were Selectmen who wanted Nifty to be the Chief. It was, of course, a matter of examination, but Nifty was appointed Chief pro-tem.

Several of the boys made better marks than did Nifty, in that examination, for scholarship was not his strong point, but the Selectmen made Nifty a Deputy Chief, and Wilmington, a small town, had in effect two chiefs.

But Nifty was still one of the boys. He did his work, and was liked by everyone. He was at his best in socially gregarious company - like



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## TOWN NOTES

### Weather

It was down to zero in several places in Wilmington, on Sunday morning, but the temperature at the Brown's Crossing Water Station didn't drop below 5 above. After two days of relatively warm weather (thermometer up to 44 for a few minutes on Friday) the cold weather is again with us.

We would wager that there is at least 6 inches of ice on Silver Lake, enough for cutting, in the days when ice was cut on that pond.

We can recall only one time when ice was cut on the lake before Christmas, which to us means that December has been at least a little colder than usual.

### Rainfall

Back in early November we reported that the total rainfall, Nov. 1, 1957 to Oct. 30, 1958 was the biggest ever to be recorded in any one set of calendar months in Wilmington - a total of 57.03 inches. (Average yearly rainfall in Wilmington is between 39 and 40 inches)

It now appears that the heavy rains are over, at least judging by December's record. As of Sunday there had been only 1.34 inches of rain in December, including the five inches of light snow we had on Dec. 15th (which measured out to .25 inches of rain)

### Water Mains

We are told that the estimated cost of the water main across the Nichols Street bridge will be something about \$40 a foot. That might sound expensive, but it isn't when the price is compared with the estimate for crossing the new Park Street (to be renamed Woburn Street) bridge.

There the estimate that has been given to Campanelli & Cardis is \$85 a foot.

### Ice Fishing

We have yet to see any one ice fishing at Silver Lake. It should be pretty good now, but apparently people don't want to get cold feet.

Of course the real confirmed ice fishermen head for Fosters Pond, where the big bass play. There were about a dozen men visible on the pond, last Sunday, from Andover Street.

### Jokes?

Somebody is joking, or somebody is mixing one kind of politics with another. Our readers report they are getting calls from people who say that they are the 'New Democrats' Against the Town Manager Plan!

### Finances

One of the delightful sub-plays that is going on in Wilmington is the speculating of real estate, in what is destined to be our Urban Renewal Center.

Larger grocery chains are playing a game of in and out the window, most of the trading being, of course with options.

Grand Union bought into the Hiller estate, on Main St and Church St., with supposedly further options of property on Middlesex Ave.

Now we understand that Grand Union has sold out, to an even larger food chain.



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the annual Rotary picnic, where he always umpired the baseball game - it wasn't Rotarians who were playing, just as Nifty wasn't one, but without Nifty to stand behind the pitcher the game just wasn't worth while watching.

And now Nifty, with his fund of stories, and his shy smile, is gone. The boys in the front pew may remember him, but it was the people in the back pews who really knew him for the man he was.

#### THE PLACE FOR AN AIRPORT

Perhaps the Massachusetts Aeronautics Commission was obliged to send a representative to Wilmington two weeks ago, to hear both sides of the proposal to locate an airport, off West St. We don't know, but we do know that we have heard several town officials, including members of the Planning Board comment on the courtesy shown Wilmington residents, by Inspector Frank Sweeney. It is rare that the state officials will bother to come out to a small town to hear the citizens viewpoint.

The Commission has now turned down the request of Mr. Hupper, who though extremely well liked brought out a proposal that his neighbors didn't care for.

The trouble, of course, was that there were residential areas in the neighborhood. It seems that an airport has no hope of locating in a more or less densely populated area.

But there is food for thought in the proposal of Mr. Hupper. It could be that an airport located somewhere than in the far outskirts of town could be a distinct asset to Wilmington.

AVCO, for instance, has a fleet of airplanes and no place nearer than East Boston, or Tewksbury to land a plane that might have an important passenger for the Wilmington plant.

Other companies, which are sure to locate here, will have a similar problem - in fact we most certainly would be a more attractive community to certain industries if an airport was within a reasonable distance.

And there is a site in Wilmington where such an airport could locate, be handy, and not bother people.

That site would be just south of the new Route 125, which has just been started across the land of Tom Daly, in North Wilmington.

At this place the town, through its Water Department has a 90 acre tract of land, part of the water-shed, to the eastward. The road would be to the north, and there are no homes either to the west or south. There could be no one to complain.

The land is suitable, and Mr. Daly has indicated that he would like to sell. Such a site would be within minutes of driving time for the AVCO plant, and within seconds of driving time for our northern industrial zone.

It might be worth some investigation.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEEMEN

Whenever it appears, in court, that a Justice has any previous connection with a trial he excuses himself, no matter how distant his connection may have been. This is because our courts are dedicated to the dispensation of justice, and, like Caesar's wife, not only avoid evil, but also the appearance of evil.

When Stanley Webber was appointed to a position, in Wilmington, becoming an employee of the town, he resigned from the Finance Committee, for what is essentially the same reason.

The Finance Committee is asked to sit in judgement of the proposed expenditures of our various boards and departments. They must be men who are entirely free, not only from pressure of their fellow employees, but even from the appearance of pressure.

Mr. Webber's resignation was in accordance with the best traditions.

Now there is a proposal, one that comes from a person with power, in Wilmington, that a certain town employee be appointed to the Finance Committee, to fill the vacancy caused by Mr. Webber.

The proposal may be well-intentioned, but it is ill advised. The particular individual who is proposed is a fine citizen, but being a town employee, he could, and probably would be subject to pressures from his fellow employees.

We don't think the appointment would be a wise one.

#### PLEASE!

The Lowell Sun, last Sunday, about 10 days late as usual, disclosed that Wilmington has a new Urban Renewal Director. It finished the story with a promise that it was going to in effect straighten out, in the people's minds a story about which there had been a lot of misinformation.

Perhaps the Lowell Sun can work some miracles, we don't know.

For three weeks they have been trying to get the story of the off-Glen Road school straight, and they haven't done the job yet, and they are still persisting in their story that former Town Manager Joe Courtney is trying to build a Town Hall for Wilmington on the site of the Foster School, in Tewksbury.

#### TRUCK DEMOLISHED IN ACCIDENT

A truck belonging to Frank McLaughlin, Ballardvale Road, North Wilmington was demolished, at 10 am on Dec. 18th when it was struck by a north-bound express, at the North Wilmington railroad station.

The truck had stalled on the crossing, and William Burrows of Tewksbury, the driver, vainly attempted to push the truck clear, jumping clear himself seconds before the train struck the truck.

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tend. Reservations will be \$2. per couple and \$1.25 for individuals and may be made with Mrs. Frank McLean, OL 8-2766 or Mrs. William Hooper OL 8-8052.

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### STATEMENT OF CHAIRMAN OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE ON 1959 BUDGET

The Wilmington School Committee has submitted the School Budget for 1959, showing a total of \$756,534.25. This amount represents an increase of \$136,808.30 due mainly to salary commitments under the present salary schedule.

Dr. Dudley A. Buck, Chairman of the School Committee, states 'While there have been no changes in the present salary schedule, increases must be anticipated due to annual increments and the need for new teachers for an increased enrollment of 210 pupils. The Committee was faced with a comparatively low salary schedule in 1957, and voted a \$500.00 adjustment increase to

meet the salaries in this area. The full effect of this increase is reflected in the Budget of 1959'.

Under the salary accounts, accounts, increases were as follows:

Annual Increments \$25,600.00  
Adjustment Increases 42,600.00  
New Teachers 32,000.00

Under Non-Salary Items, the addition to the High School and the tentative opening of the Glen Road School necessitate additional service and utility costs. Books, supplies, and transportation for an additional enrollment of 210 pupils account for the remaining increases. A detailed analysis of each budget item will be available on January 9, 1959.

### WILMINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS BUDGET - 1959

1. General Control		\$22,240.00
Salaries	\$19,940.00	
Non-Salary Items	2,300.00	
2. Expense of Instruction		\$635,274.25
Salaries	\$597,784.25	
Non Salary Items	37,490.00	
3. Health		\$10,830.00
Salaries	\$9,680.00	
Non Salary Items	1,150.00	
4. Utilities		\$11,900.00
5. Transportation		\$44,205.00
6. Auxiliary Agencies		\$19,830.00
Salaries	\$3,380.00	
Non Salary Items	16,450.00	
7. Capital Outlay		\$7,180.00
8. Special Account		\$5,075.00
Salary	\$5,075.00	
9. Contingency Account		\$11,000.00
Salaries	\$5,000.00	
Non Salary Items	\$6,000.00	
TOTAL SALARIES	\$635,859.25	
TOTAL NON SALARIES	\$120,675.00	
GRAND TOTAL		\$756,534.25

### GENERAL CONTROL

100 School Committee	1958	1959
101 Salary: Clerk	\$300.00	\$300.00
102 Non Salary Items	600.00	600.00
110 Superintendent's Office		
111 Salaries	\$16,800.00	\$17,600.00
112 Non Salary Items	1,700.00	1,700.00
120 Child Accounting		
121 Salaries	\$1,800.00	\$2,040.00

### EXPENSE OF INSTRUCTION

200 Directors & Supervisors		
201 Salaries	\$27,066.64	\$33,700.00
210 High School		
211 Salaries	\$207,383.17	\$250,200.67
212 Tests & Instructional Aids	7,275.00	8,750.00
213 Stationery & Supplies	10,500.00	13,260.00
220 Elementary Schools		
221 Salaries	\$239,633.14	\$298,383.58
222 Texts & Instructional Aids	7,560.00	7,900.00
223 Stationery & Supplies	6,000.00	7,580.00
231 Substitute Teachers	7,250.00	7,000.00
241 Evening Schools	5,500.00	8,500.00

### HEALTH

301 Salaries: Physicians	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
311 Salaries: School Nurses	7,900.00	8,180.00
312 Supplies	400.00	400.00
313 Mental Health Clinic	750.00	750.00

### UTILITIES

412 High School	\$4,700.00	\$6,400.00
422 Elementary	5,500.00	5,500.00

### TRANSPORTATION

502 Bus Transportation	\$38,173.00	\$41,130.00
512 Taxi	1,260.00	1,200.00
522 Athletic Transportation	1,625.00	1,425.00
532 Out of State Travel	500.00	450.00

### AUXILIARY AGENCIES

602 Libraries	\$2,600.00	\$2,800.00
612 Physical Ed. & Athletics	5,000.00	4,700.00
620 Cafeteria		
621 Salaries	3,100.00	3,380.00
622 Non Salary Items	3,000.00	7,700.00
632 Special Education	500.00	500.00
642 Educational TV	750.00	750.00

### NEW EQUIPMENT

702 New Equipment	\$2,200.00	7,180.00
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### SPECIAL ACCOUNT

811 Sick Leave, Chap. 71, Sect. 55B		5,075.00
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### CONTINGENCY ACCOUNT

902 Special Education	\$8,000.00	\$6,000.00
911 Sick Leave, Chap. 71, Sect 55B	8,000.00	5,000.00
TOTAL SALARIES	\$518,232.95	\$635,859.25
TOTAL NON SALARY ITEMS	101,493.00	120,576.00
GRAND TOTAL	\$619,725.95	\$756,534.24



## CHRISTMAS LIGHTING IN WILMINGTON



The Joyce Home, on Glen Road presented, as usual an unusually attractive picture, with a light in each of the windows of the 17 room 19th century farmhouse.



The home of James McCue, on Burlington Ave. had perhaps the largest outside Christmas Tree in Wilmington.



The home of Mr and Mrs. Michael Walsh, on Dorothy Ave. North Wilmington was a brilliant picture in blue.



Dr. and Mrs Charles E. Rounds, 430 Salem Street had their 18th century home very nicely lighted.



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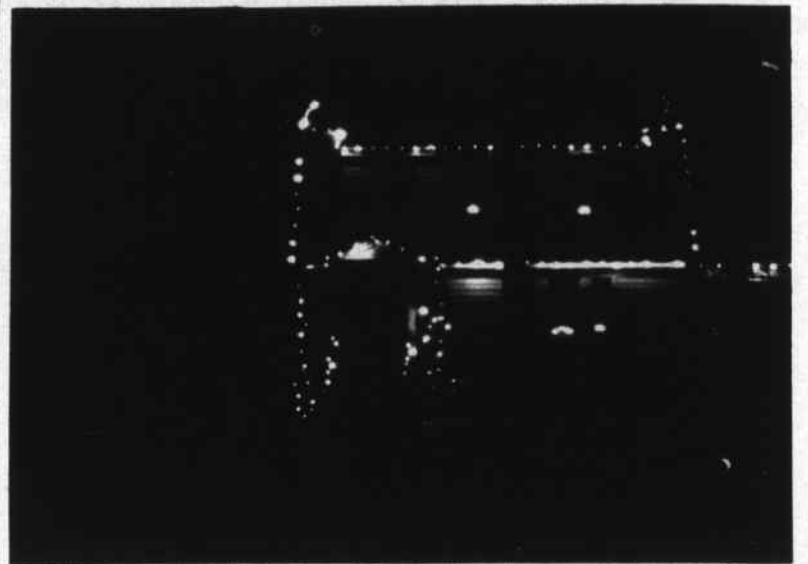


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The Wilmington Fire Station was perhaps the best lighted of all places in town. The picture shows the results of patient work by the firemen.



One of the nicest scenes in town is to be seen by looking across Silver Lake, at the James Clements home, on Fitz Terrace.



Baldwin Alley, otherwise known as Jones Street, up in Silver Lake is the most brilliantly lighted in town, with practically every home decorated.



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**Best wishes for the holiday season from**

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# THE CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH NEWS ITEMS

The people of the Congregational Church in Wilmington were richly rewarded by the message brought to them in the morning services by Rev. Albert Buckner Coe, D. D. His message "The Difference Christ Has Made" was enlivened by the personal experiences of Dr. Coe in his travels and work in such far away countries as India and Ceylon. There it was in India, that the Apostle Thomas went as a missionary to preach the Gospel unto all people. There, to-day, the organized group that came into being 2000 years ago under the leadership of the Apostle Thomas still lives and works in the name of Christianity. Today, in the catacombs in Rome where the early Christian sought refuge from the swords of the Romans, there remain the inscriptions cut into the walls of stone proclaiming the Faith in God and the Hope of the Everlasting, the Life Eternal thru Christ our Lord.

Next Sunday Dec. 28, we are indeed privileged to have Rev. L. Minich D. D. come to us for our morning services of worship. His broad experiences in the ministry reflects in the active life that he now leads since relinquishing his duties in the Congregational Church in Malden. His services are sought from all parts of our country. We are fortunate to have him with us next Sunday. A cordial invitation is extended to all people interested in sharing our Sunday morning hour of worship with Dr. Minich in the pulpit.

## CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP AT WILMINGTON METHODIST CHURCH

The special Christmas Eve worship service will be held in the Wilmington Methodist Church, Wednesday, Dec. 24 beginning at 11 p.m. During the worship hour the sacrament of Holy Communion will be received and the Christmas section of Handel's Messiah will be played throughout the entire service.

The Rev. Richard Harding has announced that individuals and families will come to the communion table while the music is being played and may leave the church following the receiving of the elements of the Lord's Supper or may return to their places in the church and be in attitude of prayer and meditation for the remainder of the hour.

Prior to this service the members of the three youth groups of the church will sing Christmas Carols for the shut-ins of the parish and the children at North Reading State Sanatorium. The young people will meet at the church promptly at 7 p.m. and will return to the church at 9 p.m. for a time of refreshment and fellowship.

## ST THOMAS NEWS

WEDNESDAY: The Vigil of Christmas will be a day of fasting and complete abstinence (no meat at any meal). 9:30 am - Confessions for the children. 4 and 7:30 pm - Confessions for high schoolers and adults.

THURSDAY: There will be two Midnight Masses. The overflow Mass will be at Villanova Hall. The doors of the church will be closed when capacity is reached to conform with safety laws. Christmas Day Masses will be at 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 (church only). Children are kindly asked not to attend Midnight Masses. We remind you that Communicants at the Midnight Masses must be fasting from solid foods and alcoholic beverages for three hours and from non-alcoholic liquids, other than water, for one hour before receiving Holy Communion.

FRIDAY: Pope John XXIII has granted a dispensation from the law of abstinence today.

SATURDAY: There will be no Catechism Classes on account of Christmas vacation. 4 pm - Busses will leave Villanova Hall for the Ice Capades. The cost will be \$2.00 and will include transportation and ticket. Adults are welcome to go. The proceeds of this show are

to be turned over to the Sisters of Notre Dame for their new novitiate.

SUNDAY: Communion day for the boys and young men of the parish.

## BASKET BALL SEASON OPENS JANUARY SIXTH

Wilmington High School will open its 1959 Basketball season, on January sixth by playing host to Tewksbury. All teams in the Suburban League will be playing on that night.

The Suburban League has scheduled games for the varsity team, the Jayvee team, and the girls team, on the same day.

With the exception of games with Tewksbury, the girls game will begin at 3 pm. With the Tewksbury team the games are to start at 5:45 pm.

The Jayvee teams will play at 7 pm and the Varsity team will play after the Jayvees.

## Schedule

Jan 6. Tewksbury @ Wilmington  
Jan 9. Wilmington @ N Andover



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Jan 20 Wilmington @ Dracut  
Jan 23 Burlington @ Wilmington  
Jan 27 Wilmington @ Billerica  
Jan 30 Tewksbury @ Wilmington  
Feb 3. N. Andover @ Wilmington  
Feb 10 Chelmsford @ Wilmington  
Feb 13 Dracut @ Wilmington  
Feb 17 Wilmington @ Burlington  
Feb 20 Billerica @ Wilmington  
An all star game will be

played on the home court of the winner of the boys' division on Feb 24th.

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**THE COMMONWEALTH OF  
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LAND COURT**

28700 Reg.  
To the Town of Wilmington, a  
municipal corporation located in  
the County of Middlesex and  
said Commonwealth; Hazel H.  
Bump and Anthony Galka, both  
of said Wilmington; Albert  
Scalia of Somerville, in said  
County of Middlesex; Anton V.  
Thiel, Antony Scalia, Joseph-  
ine R. Achetti, Ursula Paled-  
zus, Lillian Paledzus and Vi-  
olet Paledzus, all of Boston,  
in the County of Suffolk; John  
Scalia and James Scalia, both  
of Newton, in said County of  
Middlesex; George H. Shields,  
Trustee, residence unknown,  
his heirs, devisees or legal  
representatives; and to all  
whom it may concern:

Whereas, a petition has been  
presented to said Court by  
Raymond C. Cole and Dorothy E.  
Cole of Dover, in the State of  
Delaware, to register and con-  
firm their title in the follow-  
ing described land:

A certain parcel of land with  
the buildings thereon, situate  
in said Wilmington, bounded  
and described as follows:

Southeasterly by Atlantic Ave  
nue 150 feet; Southwesterly by  
Beacon Street 150 feet; North-  
westerly by land now or former-  
ly of Hazel H. Bump 150 feet;  
Northeasterly by land now or  
formerly of George P. Heigle  
and Anthony Galka 150 feet.

The above described land is  
shown on a plan filed with  
said petition and all boundary  
lines are claimed to be locat-  
ed on the ground as shown on  
said plan.

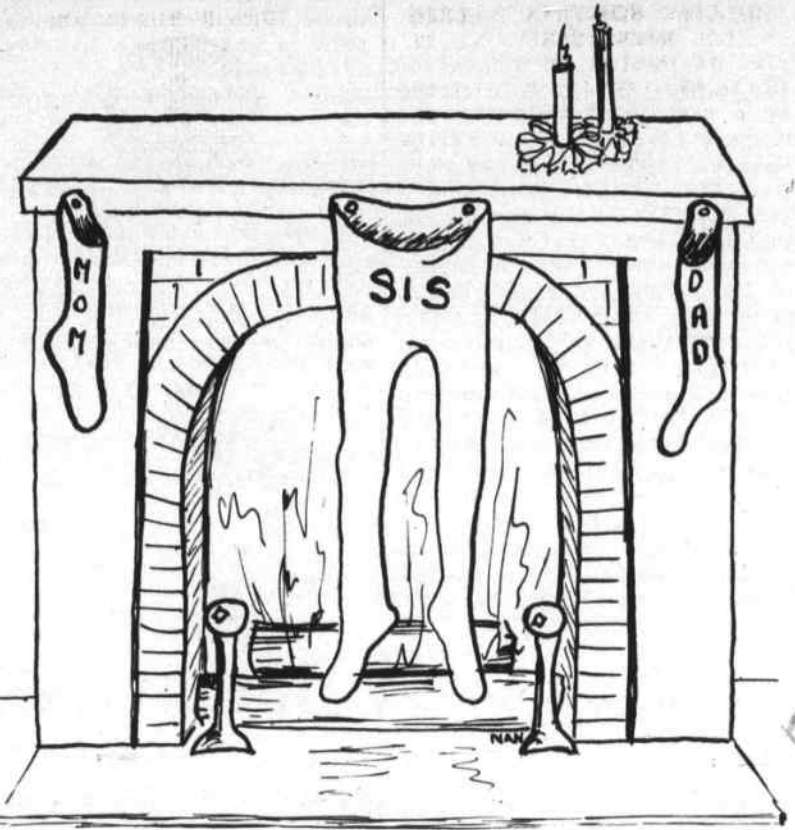
If you desire to make any ob-  
jection or defense to said  
petition you or your attorney  
must file a written appearance  
and an answer under oath, set-  
ting forth clearly and specifi-  
cally your objections or de-  
fense to each part of said  
petition, in the office of the  
Recorder of said Court in Bos-  
ton (at the Court House), or  
in the office of the Assistant  
Recorder of said Court at the  
Registry of Deeds at Lowell in  
the County of Middlesex where  
a copy of the plan filed with  
said petition is deposited, on  
or before the fifth day of  
January next.

Unless an appearance is so  
filed by or for you, your de-  
fault will be recorded, the  
said petition will be taken as  
confessed and you will be for-  
ever barred from contesting  
said petition or any decree  
entered thereon.

WITNESS, JOHN E. FENTON, Es-  
quire, Judge of said Court,  
this second day of December in  
the year nineteen hundred and  
fifty-eight.

Attest with Seal of said  
Court.  
(Seal)

SYBIL H. HOLMES, Recorder.  
Simon Cutter, 31 Milk St.,  
Boston, Mass. Atty for the  
Petitioners.  
D 11, 18, 25



THE NIGHT BEFORE CHRISTMAS (REVISED)

'The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
And Sis' made sure she'd get more than her share.'

**SCHOOL FIRE CHECK REPORT**  
During a conference held with  
Fire Chief Arthur Boudreau,  
the Wilmington Council of PTA  
learned that all schools were  
thoroughly inspected for possi-  
ble fire hazards and building  
code violations within the  
last 30 days. Such checks are  
scheduled regularly.

It was further learned that,  
as an extraordinary precaution  
the Chief will meet with Mr.  
Paul Ferrett, State Bldg. In-  
spector, and Mr. Anthony Thiel  
Head of School Maintenance dur-  
ing the Christmas vacation.  
The group will again inspect  
each school with a 'fine tooth  
comb' without fear of distur-  
bing teachers and students.


No violations or hazards exist  
at this time. However, the  
Chief pointed out that only  
the two new schools, Wildwood  
and the High School, have fire  
alarms connected directly to  
the Fire Station. This matter  
was brought to the attention  
of the Town Manager with a re-  
quest that budget arrangements  
be made so that the same alarm  
systems be installed in all  
schools.

In checking this with Town  
Manager, Alfred Calabrese, it  
was learned that an electrical  
contractor has been ordered to  
arrive at cost figures to ac-  
complish this work. Budget to  
be voted on at the March Town  
Meeting. All are in agreement  
that the special school alarms  
are another precautionary step

**Worship Kinderkirk and Church  
School.**  
11:00 a.m. Second Service of  
Worship with Choir Kinderkirk  
and Church School.  
6:45 p.m. Bible Club in Par-  
ish House.  
7:30 p.m. Fireside Fellowship  
in Parish House.  
Wednesday Dec. 31, 1958  
8:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal  
under leadership of Mr. Kenneth  
Kelley, Organist.  
Friday Jan 2, 1959  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts in the  
Church vestry Mr. Herbert Hig-  
ley, Scoutmaster.  
A Christmas message from Mr.  
& Mrs. Stanley Cummings: You  
are in our thoughts constantly  
at this Christmas season. May  
it bring to all of us a deeper  
revelation of God's love than  
we have ever known before.  
Stanley and Louise Cummings

**READING UNITARIAN CHURCH**  
Dec. 24 at 11:45 p.m. Christ-  
mas candlelight service pre-  
sented by H S young people of  
the parish. Selections from  
the Messiah will be used in  
the service.  
Sunday Dec. 28. No Church  
School in the morning but  
there will be a film for the  
young people during the morn-  
ing service. The sermon will  
be delivered by Robert Wood-  
bury, a Junior at Amherst  
College.  
Tuesday Dec. 30 at 7:45 p.m.  
College Age Group Emanons will  
have a holiday homecoming  
gathering at the church in  
Community Hall. All college  
age young people home for the  
holidays are invited to attend

**CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH**  
Sunday Dec. 28, 1958  
9:30 a.m. First Service of



... cheer to one and all,  
may this Holiday  
Season be the finest ever!

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### COLLEGE STUDENTS TO LEAD SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH

On Sunday, December 28 at the 10:30 a.m. worship service the college students of the Wilmington Methodist Church will lead the service of worship. Peter Leavitt, a Junior at Union College, Barbourville, Kentucky will bring the morning message. Other students will take responsibility for the parts of the service and ushering. A roll call of students and service young people will be read at the service and these persons will be recognized by the congregation.

Following the service of worship an informal reception will be held in the vestry of the new church for each of the young people. Coffee will be served by the members of the Older Youth Forum, and the members and friends of the church will have the opportunity to greet the college students and servicemen of the church.

The senior Choir under the leadership of Mrs. W. T. Staveley will sing 'Go Tell It On the Mountain' during the worship hour.

### TOWN OF WILMINGTON



#### BOARD OF HEALTH NOTICE OF RELOCATION OF TOWN DUMP

Notice is herewith given that the town dump shall be located off Lower Main Street (Route 38) at the Woburn - Wilmington town line and to the rear of Charlie's Jenney Service Station.

This shall become effective as of January 1, 1959, at which time the Canelas dump on

MacDonald Road, North Wilmington shall be closed to the public.

Residents of the town may be required to show auto registration or other proof of residence. Commercial collectors must present rubbish transportation permits from the Board of Health.

Hours for dumping and requirements shall be as before namely: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesdays through and including Sundays with the exception of legal holidays; no tree trunks, garbage or other putrescible organic matter as well as offensive industrial wastes shall be permitted to be deposited in the dump.

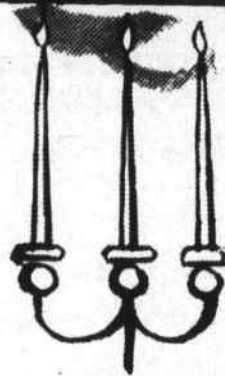
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Selectman Nicholas D. Felice, who has just recently been elected a Director of the Middlesex County Selectmen's Association. 494

Gentlemen:

May I express through the columns of your paper my disgust at things in Wilmington, particularly with reference to parking and the Wilmington Postoffice.

I have been a resident of Wilmington for 24 years and feel that I have earned some right to be able to say a few words about the town.

It is impossible to park in Wilmington Square within any distance of the Postoffice.

When one gets to the Postoffice one finds a clerk who is unwilling to be the least accommodating. Several times I have tried to cash money orders from my sons in the service, and have been unable to do so. I admit the money orders were large, but doesn't the Postoffice have a hundred dollars in its treasury?

This year I was aggravated by the parking situation. I had

two packages, for my sons in the service. I walked nearly half a mile it would seem, to the post office, with the packages, only to be told by the clerk (who I didn't know) that I could not mail the packages because they were four pounds overweight.

Admitted - but for a package for the boys overseas, this clerk wanted me to go home and unpack the packages, then pack them, and then struggle again with the parking situation.

Instead I went to a neighboring city, where the clerk was very nice. He weighed the package, told me it was overweight and then when I explained the situation he very nicely told me he would take care of it.

I am really disgusted with the way things are going around here.

Yours very truly

(Mrs) Alice Chisholm  
Hopkins Street.

**SELECTMEN'S MEETING**  
(cont. fr. Fr. Pg.)

light poles on Andover Street because of the new Route 125, now started from North Wilmington to Andover, brought three protestants.

The proposal is to straighten Andover Street where it crosses the new Highway by means of a bridge, and to 285 feet of light conduit by an underground cable. Seven poles would be transferred from the east side of the street to the west side.

Mrs. Elinor Poloian, Wilson Belbin and John W. Clarke protested the idea, until they could be satisfied that their properties would not be injured.

The Selectmen tabled the proposal for further investigation.

**Jaycees**

Read was a letter from Town Manager Fred Calabrese to the Wilmington Junior Chamber of Commerce, expressing the appreciation of the Selectmen Town Manager of their contributions and labor, in decorating Wilmington Square for the Christmas season.

**Christian Science Monitor**  
A questionnaire from the Christian Science Monitor, one apparently, of many sent to Boards of Selectmen throughout the Commonwealth was answered, question by question, with Selectman Don Kidder abstaining, (but making comments from time to time)

1. The Selectmen favored a limited sales tax.

2. The Selectmen could propose no alternative (except Kidder who suggested getting rid of the state 'freeloaders')

3. The Selectmen were not in favor of the sales tax if the municipalities got 1/2 or less of the proceeds.

4. They were in favor of it if 1/2 or more were given to the municipalities.

They did not favor having the proceeds of a sales tax earmarked for any special purpose

5. They thought the proceeds of the sales tax should accrue to the General Fund of a town, and thus be directly subject to the vote of the people.

6. They were not in favor of the proceeds being given to any special purpose, e. g. schools and education.

(De Felice - If it went to the schools it would still reduce the tax rate)

(Hagerty: HUH???)

(Mrs. Drew: That's what you think!)

7. If the sales tax were promulgated, the Selectmen declared that they would use it for general purposes, and mentioned the strengthening of some of the present programs of the town.

**Skating**

Selectman De Felice proposed that the Fire Department send a pump to Silver Lake, and flood over the present surface so that the skating could be improved. He estimated that there would be 12 inches of ice at this time, and thought that the kids should get a chance to use the ice before the heavy snows set in. 'If we don't want to use town water we can chop a hole, and use lake water'

It was noted that the Rotary Park is being flooded, preparatory to the New England Skating Championships, to be held there on Jan 16 and 17.

Hagerty mentioned that he had seen a 'skating cop' in Fitchburg, earlier in the day.

De Felice: In Wakefield, where I was raised, we always had a skating cop - and a skiing cop too. Kept the kids in order.

**Fire Station**

On motion of Don Kidder a letter was written to the Wilmington Firemen's Association commending them on the lighting job they had done to the fire station. (Kidder: They raise \$100 more, each year, for their program)

**Streets**

Selectman Hagerty pointed out several pot holes, in streets, to the TM. Among places mentioned were Woburn Street from Morse Avenue to Eames St., the corner of Garden Court and Burt Road, and the corner of High Street and Middlesex Ave.

It was also suggested to the TM that he see if Campanella & Cardi could erect a barricade on the new Route 62, where it branches off Middlesex Ave at High Street. A number of strangers had attempted to drive down the road, he was told, in spite of the stop sign.

**Park Street**

The Selectmen signed an agreement for the settlement of a land damage claim, as a result of the Chapter 90 work on Park Street during the past year. The sum was for \$50.

**Street Lights**

Calabrese told the board he was working with the Reading Light Company, to put new lights in Wilmington Square and in front of Stevens' Supermarket.

The light board, he said proposed lights of 7700 lumens, projecting out 10 feet over the highway! The job in Wilmington Square would cost \$600

Kidder: But should we do that with the Urban Renewal program coming up?

De Felice: That might take 2 years, and you can kill a cop overnight (the lighting is proposed for the safety of the police department, among other things - Ed)

**Riubarb**

A note passed around the Selectmen talked about a business that is being conducted in a residential zone. Hagerty said it could be quite a 'riubarb'

**Andover's Way**

Inspected, favorably, by the Selectmen was a paper prepared by the Selectmen of Andover, and used instead of licenses for gravel pits. The paper was headed 'AGREEMENT'. Mrs. Drew thought it was very good.

**MRS SOPHIE NEWELL**

Mrs William Newell of 29 Oakdale Rd, North Wilmington, died at her home December 1. Funeral services were conducted by the Rev William J M Carruthers at the Church of the Good Shepherd in Reading at 2 pm on December 4. Burial was in Wildwood Cemetery.

Mrs Newell was born in Westleyville Newfoundland in 1894. She had been a resident of Oakdale Rd for the past several years. Besides her husband she leaves one daughter, Mrs Dorothy Siteman of Oakdale Rd, and two grandchildren.

**RALPH W. HOLMES**

Ralph W. Holmes, Federal St. North Wilmington, died in a Boston Hospital, on Dec 20th., shortly after he had been stricken with a heart attack, in the Park Square Building, in Boston, where he was employed. His death occurred at 8:30 am.

A resident of Wilmington for five years, Mr. Holmes was born in Plymouth 55 years ago. He is survived by his wife, Helen N. (Curran) Holmes.

A High Mass of Requiem was sung in St. Thomas Church at 9 am on Dec. 23rd, with Father John Palmieri the celebrant. Burial was in the family lot in Wildwood Cemetery, with the committal prayers being read by Father Palmieri.

McMahon Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral.

**YOUTH CANTEN SKATING PARTY**

Bus tickets for the Wilmington Youth Canteen Skating Party must be obtained by Dec. 26 according to an announcement by Canteen officials. Miss Ann Sheerin (OL 8-4966) and Miss Judy Doucette (OL 8-2872) are in charge of reservations.

The Skating Party is to be held in the Hi Ho in Lowell, on Dec. 29th. Admission for Youth Canteen members will be 50 cents, and for others 70 cents.

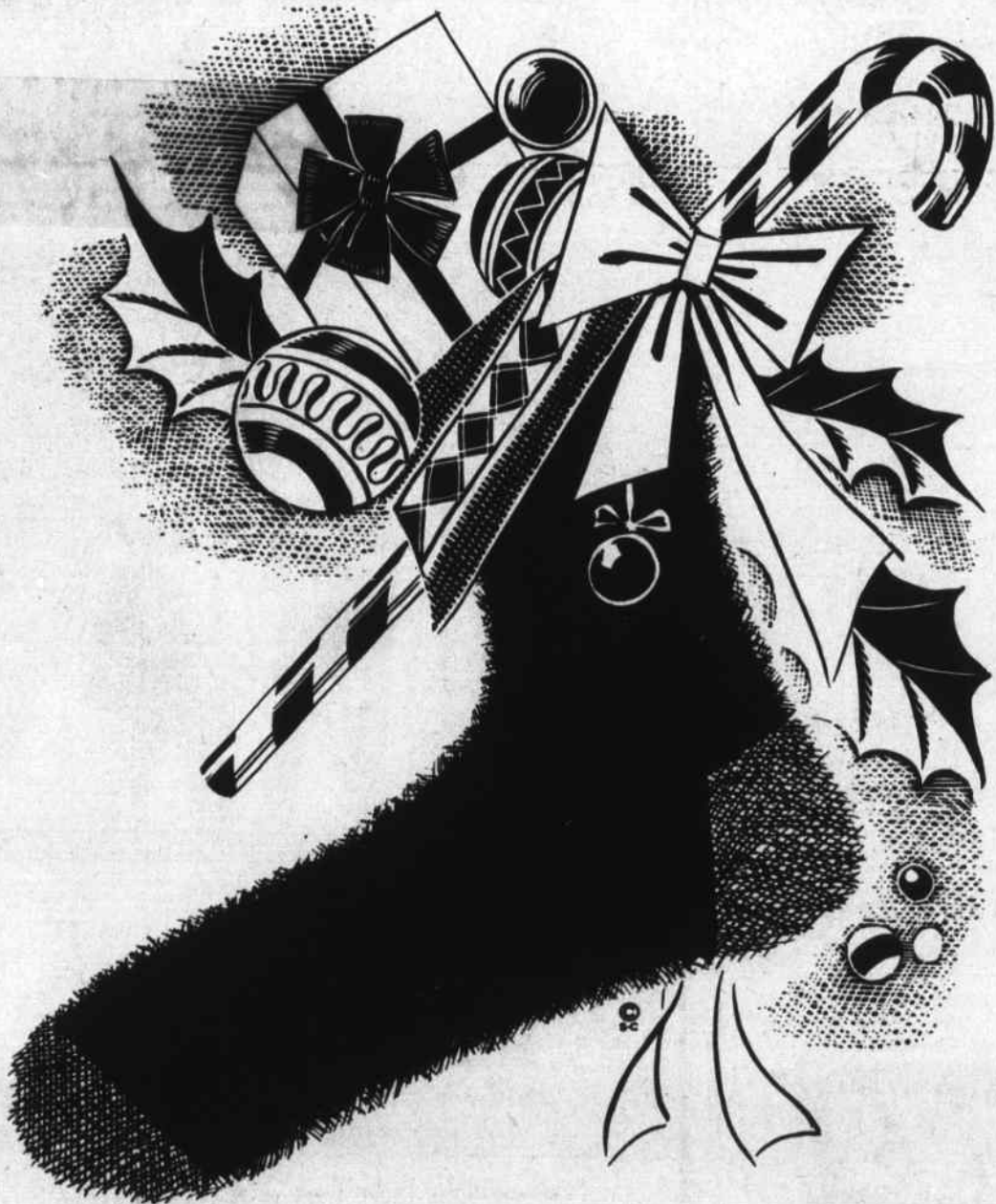
The buses will leave the bank building, in Wilmington Square at 7 pm, Dec 29th and return about 11 pm. Bus transportation will be 50 cents.



**PENNY MCCABE ENGAGED**

Mr and Mrs Cornelius McCabe of King Street have announced the engagement of their daughter, Margaret ( Penny ) McCabe to Mr. Silverius J. Blonigen, son of Mr. Mathew Blonigen of St. Martin, Minnesota.

An April wedding is planned.



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